



Vancouver Rowing Club



Charity Regatta for the Georgia Strait Alliance

Sailing Instructions

August 23, 2014

1 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. The races will also be governed by the rules of PHRF BC except where they are modified by these instructions.
- 1.2 Competing yachts must have an up to date PHRF certificate.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 This event is designated Category C.

3 ENTRIES, REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 3.1 All yachts shall comply with Rule 75.1
- 3.2 All skippers must be a member in good standing of a club recognized by its national authority.
- 3.3 Yachts shall register and pay \$65 regatta fee at www.vrcracing.ca

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board at the east gate of the VRC by 0900h on race day.

5 COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 Communication will be on VHF channel 68.
- 5.2 All participants must check in with the race committee prior to the first race of each day. Participants who fail to do so may be scored DNC.



- 5.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 5.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee boat at the time of retiring and must confirm that the committee has received their notice of intent to retire.

6 INSURANCE

- 6.1 All Yachts must carry a minimum liability insurance of \$1,000,000.00.

7 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day of the race. If any changes are made the committee will make an announcement on VHF channel 68 before the first race of the day.

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the VRC Mast tower.
- 8.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 0955h.

10 DIVISIONS

- 10.1 The classes shall be:
- Division 1 – PHRF below 150
 - Division 2 – PHRF above 150

11 RACING AREA

- 11.1 The race will take place in the vicinity of English Bay/Burrard Inlet.

12 RACE COURSE AND MARKS

- 12.1 The Course is to be sailed as shown in the diagrams in Appendix A or Marks are to be rounded in the sequence they appear on the course board which will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 12.2 The race committee may fly signal flag "TANGO" indicating the course is to be sailed twice around. Yachts are required to pass through the finish line on each windward leg.



12.3 If a single letter is indicated on the course board, the course will be as follows:

“W” - Windward/Leeward – see diagram, Appendix A

“X” - Triangle Course – see diagram, Appendix A

“Y” - Bermuda Course – see diagram, Appendix A

“Z” - Modified Windward/Leeward – see diagram, Appendix A

12.4 If multiple letters are indicated on the course board, the marks will be as follows:

“A” - Point Grey Bell Buoy

“B” - Kits Barge Buoy

“C” - Passage Island

“D” - QC Buoy

“G” - VRC Anchored Mark - position will be broadcast @ 9:45 on channel 68

“H” - VRC Anchored Mark - position will be broadcast @ 9:45 on channel 68

“J” - VRC Anchored Mark - position will be broadcast @ 9:45 on channel 68

“S” - Start Pin

“F” - Finish Pin

13 MARKS

13.1 VRC Anchored Marks will be yellow or orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

13.2 All marks shall be left to port unless a green flag is flying indicating that the marks are to be left to starboard.

14 THE START

14.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

14.2 The Start line will be between a staff on the race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a pin or mark displaying an orange flag.

14.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal may be scored “Did Not Start”. This modifies rules A4 and A5.

15 RECALLS

15.1 Recalls shall be signalled in accordance with rule 29.

15.2 If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line when the start signal goes the committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 68. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1(a).



16 THE FINISH

- 16.1** The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a pin or mark displaying a blue flag.
- 16.2** The race committee may take times at any mark rounding and use them as an official finish position.

17 TIME LIMITS AND PROTESTS

- 17.1** No finishes will be recorded after 1630h. If one boat finishes within the time limit, there will be a 30 minute extension to 1700h for that division only.
- 17.2** Protests must be filed with the race committee by 1830h.
- 17.3** Protests will be heard by the protest committee as soon as is possible. If the protest is not heard on the day of the event involved boats and witnesses will be notified of the time and location at least 24 hours before the hearing.

18 PENALTIES

- 18.1** Rule A4.2 and Rule A9 are modified. The following scoring will be used
 - 18.1.1** DNF (Did Not Finish) will be scored Number of registrants +1
 - 18.1.2** DNS (Did Not Start) will be scored Number of registrants +1
 - 18.1.3** DNC (Did Not Compete) will be scored Number of registrants +1
 - 18.1.4** TLE (Time Limit Expired) will be scored Number of finishers +1

19 SCORING

- 19.1** Appendix A of the low point scoring system will apply.
- 19.2** One race is required to constitute a series.
- 19.3** For every 4 races scored in the series 1 “throw out” will be granted.

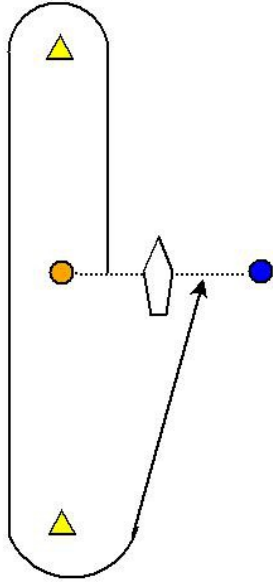
20 SAFETY


- 20.1** Safety Requirements are PIYA Category 3.

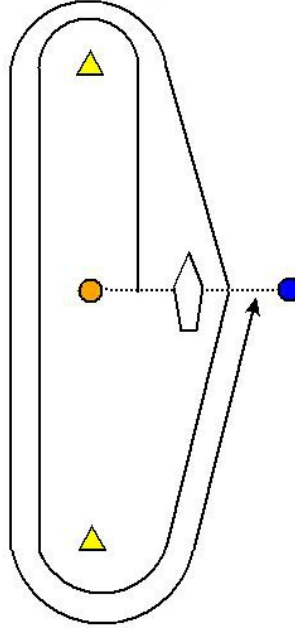


Appendix A

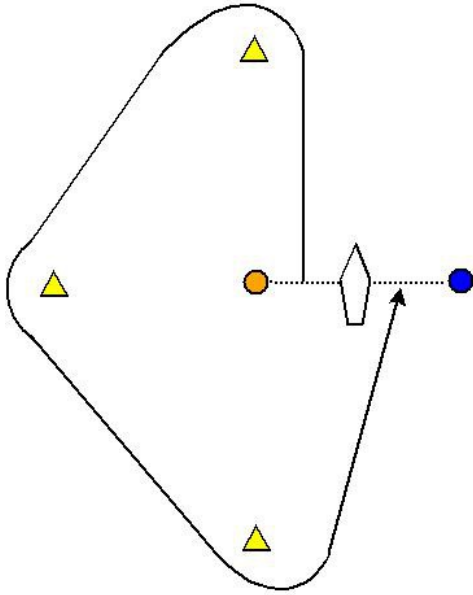
Course W
Windward - Leeward
(Port-Rounding Shown)




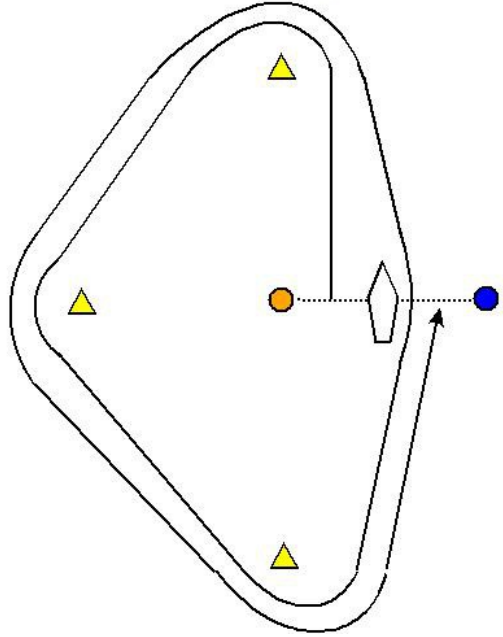
Course W with Tango Flag 
Windward - Leeward Twice Around
(Port-Rounding Shown)



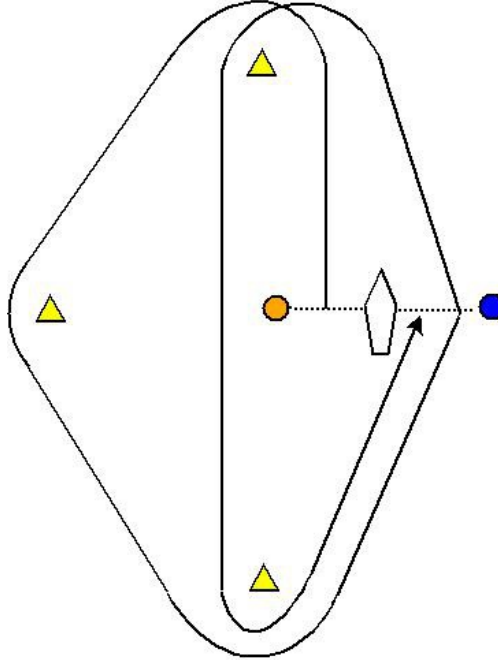
Course X
Triangle Course
(Port-Rounding Shown)




Course X with Tango Flag 
Triangle Course Twice Around
(Port-Rounding Shown)



Course Y
Bermuda Course
(Port-Rounding Shown)



Course Z - Modified 
Windward - Leeward
(Starboard-Rounding Shown)

